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FOLG MSG FROM AMCONSUL VANCOUVER SENT ACTION OTTAWA MARCH 2, 1977
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SUBJECT: SOVIET AMBASSADOR VANCOUVER SPEECH

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1. SUMMARY. SOVIET AMBASSADOR INVITED PAO MEET WITH HIM
DISCUSS COVERAGE IN VANCOUVER PROVINCE OF AMBASSADOR'S
BOARD OF TRADE SPEECH. AMBASSADOR SAID HE DISTRESSED OVER
INACCURACIES IN PROVINCE STORY, AND EMPHASIZED HE MADE NO
RPT NO CRITICISM OF PRESIDENT CARTER. HE CONCERNED THAT
STORY COULD LEAD TO MISINTERPRETATION OF USSR POLICY TOWARD
US. AMBASSADOR ASKED PAO READ MARKED COPY SPEECH AS DELIVERED.
NUMEROUS DELETED PARAGRAPHS TENDED SOFTEN THRUST OF TEXT IN
REFERENCE RELATIONS WITH WEST. AMBASSADOR CLOSED MEETING BY
REAFFIRMING HIS COUNTRY WISHED IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH WEST
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AND AVOID ARMS RACE. END SUMMARY.

2. USIS PAO DEERFIELD FIRST TELEPHONED SOVIET EMBASSY
OFFICIAL TOLOTOV AT HOTEL NIGHT MARCH 2 AND REQUESTED TEXT
AMB. YAKOVLEV ADDRESS TO VANCOUVER BOARD OF TRADE MARCH 1.
ZOLOTOV SAID TEXT COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE IN OTTAWA MARCH 4
AFTER AMBASSADOR'S RETURN. EXPLAINED THAT AMBASSADOR MADE

CHANGES UP TO LAST MINUTE AND SPEECH AS DELIVERED NEEDED
RETYPING.

3. IN TELCON, ZOLOTOV SAID PROVINCE NEWS STORY OF DEEP CONCERN
TO SOVIET PARTY BECAUSE IT DREW CONCLUSIONS AND INJECTED
THOUGHTS NOT IN ACCORD WITH FACTS. HE SAID HE COULD STATE
CATEGORICALLY NO RPT NO REFERENCE MADE TO PRESIDENT CARTER BY
NAME AND ONLY ONE DIRECT REFERENCE US IN CONTEXT OF
INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

4. LESS THAN HOUR AFTER INITIAL TELCON, ZOLOTOV CALLED PAO
AND SAID AMBASSADOR WISHED MEET WITH HIM TO EXPLAIN MATTER
PERSONALLY. DEERFIELD MET WITH YAKOLAV AND ZOLOTOV AT
BAYSHORE HOTEL 2100 TO 2130. AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED THAT IN
SPEECH AND PRESS MEETS NO RPT NO CRITICISM DIRECTED AT
PRESIDENT CARTER. HE SAID SUCH ACTION ON HIS PART UNTHINKABLE,
AND SAID HE DISTRESSED THAT PROVINCE STORY WOULD GIVE ERROENEous
IMPRESSION OF MORE STRIDENT ANTI-US SOVIET POLICY. AMBASSADOR
SAID HIS COUNTRY WISHED TO NARROW GAP IN RELATIONS WITH WEST
AND AVOID COLD WAR ARMS RACE.

5. YAKOVLEV INVITED PAO READ SPEECH TEXT WHICH HE SAID WAS
VERSION AS DELIVERED. AMBASSADOR SAID SINGLE COPY TEXT
AVAILABLE AND WOULD REQUIRE RETYPING IN OTTAWA BEFORE RELEASE.
TEXT RAN 18 PAGES, 5 X 8 SHEETS, WITH NUMEROUS PEN-MARKED
PARAGRAPH DELETIONS AND CHANGES. THRUST OF SPEECH WAS APPEAL
TO WEST TO LIVE-AND-LET-LIVE, WITH WARNING THAT WORLD AT
CRITICAL STAGE. TEXT URGED COEXISTENCE AND NOTED THAT
ALTERNATIVE WAS RESURGENCE OF COLD WAR AND HORRENDOUS ARMS
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RACE. PAO NOTED MOST DELETIONS IN MARKED COPY WERE MORE
INFLAMMATORY IN CHASTISING WEST FOR ACCUSATIONS OF USSR ARMS
BUILD-UP, UNDERMINING DETENTE AND INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL
AFFAIRS. SPEECH CONSIDERABLY TONED DOWN BY DELETIONS. NO
DIRECT REFERENCE TO CARTER IN TEXT AND SINGLE MENTION US
CONCERNED VOLUME OF TRADE WITH USSR.

6. EVIDENT TO PAO THAT AMBASSADOR CLEARLY CONCERNED OVER
FAR-REACHING IMPLICATIONS OF PROVINCE STORY. WHEN ASKED IF
ACCOUNT IN VANCOUVER SUN OF MARCH 2 FAIR RENDERING, AMBASSADOR
CONFERRRED IN RUSSIAN WITH ZOLOTOV AND REPLIED SUN STORY CORRECT.
POST WILL REPORT SUN COVERAGE IN SEPTEL.

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